The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is seeking a contractor to manage and operate the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility (TJNAF), in Newport News, Virginia.

TJNAF is a premier, DOE dedicated-program, national research facility located on a 162 acre site. TJNAF conducts key elements of DOE's missions in science, specifically nuclear physics. TJNAF is also designated as a Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC) and a premier DOE laboratory that provides extensive capabilities in both world-class research expertise and unique facilities and are generally beyond the capability of any nongovernmental institution to construct or operate. Through these national resources, which are available to researchers from universities, industry, other government agencies and other nations, the Department advances the energy, national security and economic well being of the United States, provides for the international advancement of science, and educates future scientists and engineers. Anticipated funding for FY 2005 for TJNAF, from all sources, is approximately $100,000,000.

TJNAF is an international leader in experimental and theoretical research of the quark substructure of nuclei, the fundamental building blocks of matter. The laboratory's nuclear research increases our understanding of the fundamental structure of matter and the forces that hold it together. The laboratory serves an international user community of approximately 1,100 scientists, primarily from universities. It also is the national leader in the development of superconducting radiofrequency (SRF) accelerating technology. TJNAF is dedicated to the development of intense sources of electron and photon beams using the SRF technology. At the center of the laboratory is the world's first large-scale superconducting electron accelerator located in an underground tunnel almost a mile long in circumference. The SRF core technology benefits not only TJNAF but also advances other research facilities in DOE Nuclear Physics and Basic Energy Sciences and the Department of Defense. Additional information can be found at http://www.jlab.org.

The DOE, TJNAF Site Office will host a Site Orientation for all interested parties on February 23, 2005. The purpose of this Orientation is to familiarize potential offerors with the TJNAF Site and various presentations will be provided. Please limit attendance to no more than six per organization. Your Site Orientation Registration Form must be received no later than 4:00 PM, EST, February 10, 2005 to reserve space for the overview presentations. Due to limitations on access to facilities, the DOE, reserves the right to further limit the number of participants from each organization for the tour portion of the orientation depending on interest.

The site tour will be primarily a walking tour estimated to take approximately five hours with a break for lunch, therefore please dress accordingly. Total walking distance is approximately 1.5 miles and includes flights of stairs as the only access into the accelerator tunnel.
Visit the TJNAF SEB website at http://www.oro.doe.gov/tjnaf_seb/ for more information on the Site Orientation to include the agenda and Registration Form. All visitors to TJNAF will be required to provide official photo identification (e.g. U.S. driver's license or valid passport). Proof of legal immigration/non-immigrant status (e.g. valid passport and/or visa) is required for access to TJNAF by non-

U.S. citizens. Other information related to this procurement-action is being posted regularly, please check often for updates. In the event of lab closure due to inclement weather, the tour will be cancelled and rescheduled for later in the year.

Information about this planned solicitation will be posted on DOE's Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) at URL http://e-center.doe.gov and/or FedBizOpps at URL http://fedbizopps.gov.

A draft, Performance-based Statement of Work Request (PBSW) will be issued by late January 2005 and will be available on the TJNAF SEB website.